

## **Funerals, Memorial Services, and Celebrations of Life during COVID-19 time:**

Funerals will be allowed, so long as all of those in attendance agree to maintain the CDC and ISDH recommendations at the time of the funeral. These may include limits on numbers in attendance, as well as masks, distancing, and other recommendations.

We will provide the family a copy of our current COVID-19 policy and ask them to inform guests in advance. Newspaper and online obituaries will include instructions regarding masking and distancing.

Persons who are not feeling well or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend.

The family should be encouraged to provide an online viewing option for those who are sick/not able to attend for another reason. We can allow use of our equipment for that purpose. Livestreaming to Facebook is easy with a smartphone, too.

Ushers will take care to seat folks at a proper distance. Families from the same household can sit together. Every other pew will be marked off with painter's tape (Xs on the floor or on pews). Additional seating in the choir loft is available, if needed. Once inside, folks should stay in their assigned place and not mingle or visit with others.

No bulletins or programs will be passed out. Programs can be set out on the pews 24 hours in advance. No guest book will be used at the church – families should use an electronic way of capturing a list of their guests, or use guest book at visitation or reception site.

No special music by vocalists or wind/brass instrumentalists. Keyboardists and strings only (with approval by our Music Director).

Ushers dismiss attendees, household by household. They do not dismiss anyone else until Narthex is cleared. No gathering in the Narthex before or after ceremony.

The family will be dismissed first to go outside and greet guests as they depart, from a safe distance. Alternatively, the family may proceed to the location of the reception to greet guests there.

Only one person (or household) in the restroom at a time. There will be signs on the doors and Xs on floors for people waiting.

We will not host any periods of visitation or receptions at the church during this time.